## FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Statement of Guardian ad Litem (Chapters 48 and 938)

Form Number: JD-1799

**Statutory Reference:** §§48.235(3), and 938.235(3), Wisconsin Statutes.

**Purpose of Form:** This form is to be completed if the court requires the guardian ad litem to

provide a written statement regarding the duties required in child in need of protection or services (CHIPS) and juvenile in need of protection or

services (JIPS) cases.

Who Completes It: Guardian ad litem.

**Distribution of Form:** Original to court file, copy to attorney or guardian ad litem, copy to

person for whom attorney or guardian ad litem was appointed, copy to

other attorney or parties entitled to notice.

**Accompanying Forms:** Generally none.

**New Form/Modification:** Modified; last updated 02/10.

**Modifications:** Changed from a voluntary to mandatory form.

Comments: This form was recommended to RMC by the Chief Judges Subcommittee

Guardian ad Litem Oversight. They felt strongly that oversight of the

GAL is necessary as it is the court's duty to oversee the GAL's

performance of their obligations and duties, which is supported in case law (*Paige K.B. v. Molepske, 219 Wis.2d 418, 580 N.W.2d 289 (1998)*)

and the findings from the Children Court Initiative reviews.

The subcommittee intended this form to be filed with the court prior to or

at disposition in all CHIPS and JIPS cases where a GAL was appointed

for the child.

**About this Form:** This form is the product of the Wisconsin Records Management

Committee, a committee of the Director of State Court's Office and a

mandate of the Wisconsin Judicial Conference.

If you have additional information that does not change the

meaning of the form, attach it on a separate page. The form itself

shall not be altered.

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